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1. On 2, 4 and 6 April 1955, 10 pontoons were seen on the bank about 100 meters north of Baerenklauer Bruecke in Oranienburg. On 9 April, the last pontoon was loaded on a truck by means of a crane. The pontoons were no longer seen there at about 1800.
2. At 0900 on 7 April, all army units stationed in the Weisse Stadt (4683) in Oranienburg were in the installation. Unit Zuyev conducted a practice alert. The soldiers wore full field equipment. Individual soldiers carried AAA practice ammunition. Two T-34 tanks were seen in the installation.
3. At 0715 on 12 April, all army units, except for details of 15 to 20 soldiers with 4 to 6 trucks of each unit, had left the installation. They had presumably gone to Vogelsang in the Templin area on 8 and 9 April. 1
4. At the same time, the army units stationed in the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp (4681/4682) near Oranienburg had apparently also left except for small rear details. According to orders by the Kech office in Eberswalde, seven German guards were to be employed in the area of the concentration camp which had previously been guarded by Soviets. 2
1. Comment. Prior to the departure of the troops on 8 and 12 April, the following units of the 25th Tank Div were stationed in the Weisse Stadt settlement in Oranienburg: elements of the division headquarters, presumably supply agencies; the 1702d AAA Regt, also known as Unit Zuyev. (Lieutenant Colonel Zuyev (fnu) is known to be the successor of Colonel Mommut (fnu)); the 53d Ktrcl Bn, the 16th Gds RL Bn, the 194th Engr Bn and, presumably, elements of the U/i Sig Bn. All units, except for the division headquarters and the U/i Sig Bn, had continuously been

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confirmed in the installation until early April by weapons observed. The transfer of these elements of the division to Vogelsang in the Templin area appears probable.

2. Comment. After the transfer to Prenzlau of the U/i Tank Tng Bn and the U/i Motor Trans Bn of the 25th Tank Div in June and July 1954, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Oranienburg was occupied by between 300 and 600 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal, and motor transport insignia and approximately 40 uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Intensive traffic was observed between this installation and the Weisse Stadt. No heavy weapons or special vehicles were seen in the installation. The soldiers, which presumably belonged to supply installations of the division, presumably also transferred to Vogelsang. It is believed that, except for rear details, all units of the 25th Tank Div have thus left the Oranienburg post, which is now occupied by Soviet air force and KVP exclusively.

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